

Sullivan County NH

Type of meeting: Board of Commissioners, Regular Business Meeting – Public – Meeting Minutes
Date/Time: Thursday, May 07, 2009; 3:00 PM
Place: Remington Woodhull County Complex, 14 Main Street, Newport NH , 1st Floor Commissioners Conference Room

Attendees: Commissioners Jeffrey Barrette – *Chair*, Bennie Nelson – *Vice Chair* and Ethel Jarvis – *Clerk*; Ted Purdy – *Sullivan County Health Care (SCHC) Administrator*; High County Sheriff Michael Prozzo; Sharron King – *Registrar of Deeds*; and Sharon Johnson-Callum (minute taker).

3:00 The Chair brought the meeting to order. All recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Agenda Item No. 1 Registry of Deeds

Agenda Item No. 1.a. RSA 28:8 Bidding Process – Waiver Request from Registrar for FY10 Index, Imaging and Internet System: Motion required

Copies of RSA 28:8 [Appendix A] distributed to Board. Ms. King requested the Board make the “process” consistent; she noted she is asked each year to provide bid information for the auditors on the Connor & Connor contract, feels this should be all documented and held by the Commissioners Office, and they should not have to ask her. She is requesting the Board waive the bidding process for reasons noted on the sheet she read verbatim [Appendix B]. She confirmed, the other vendor (other than Connor & Connor) is Land Data. Land Data is used by Merrimack; and Grafton County Commissioners were asked by a group of people not to go with Land Data in the future. She noted Land Data is out of San Antonio and was affiliated with a company that has gone defunct. Connor & Connor is local and used by the majority of NH Registry of Deeds. She confirmed the contract is entered into annually. Commissioner Barrette questioned if she ever checked with Connor & Connor on a multiple year discount? He pointed out, with how big the program is, it’s not likely the County would switch in the next couple years. Ms. King noted no one every asked her to ask that question in the past, but she could inquire.

3:10 Motion: move we follow the request of the Registrar and waive the bidding for the [FY10] Connor & Connor contract, and sign it when she brings it back.

Made by: Nelson. Seconded by: Jarvis.

Discussion: it was noted the contract would not be signed until after the Delegation approved the FY10 budget.

Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 2. Sheriff's Office Report

Agenda Item No. 2.a. JAG Grant Review & Ratification

Sheriff Prozzo indicated he was seeking authorization and ratification of their office's JAG grant [Appendix C]. This is a continuation of a grant project they've handled over the past three (3) years. They are doing this in conjunction with Claremont, Newport and Charlestown. The three municipalities and Sheriff's Office have created a MOU; this meeting today was posted in all towns for any who had questions. The funds have been budgeted in the FY10 Sheriff's budget.

3:15 Motion: to accept the JAG grant and allow the Sheriff and Sheriff's Office to enter the MOU.

Made: Nelson. Seconded by: Jarvis.

Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 3. Commissioners' Report

Agenda Item No. 3.b. Review 5/4/09 Letter From Sullivan County Sportsman Club

The Board reviewed the 5/4/09 letter from Bill Royce, President of the S.C. Sportsman Club, was read by the Board [Appendix D], requesting County to cover firing range design cost of \$1,500. Commissioner Barrette noted the past meeting minutes will show the Board acted in good faith throughout the process, could not have a meaningful discussion regarding the a private/public partnership for a proposed firing range by the club without not seeing how the range was to be designed, and thought this was in the club's "ball park". Commissioner Nelson noted, it was the club the asked us how to proceed. Sheriff Prozzo confirmed in no discussion did he indicate the County would pay for a thing. It was noted the County no longer holds a copy of their plans. Commissioner Barrette feels the Board should draft a letter: we operated in good faith, never made any financial commitments, sorry it did not work out and respectfully decline any payment. Ms. Johnson-Callum confirmed she could review past minutes on the issue and have Mr. Chanis update the Board at their next meeting. She noted the response letter could be sign at that meeting. Barrette noted the club and County were just miles apart [regarding the firing range] and it made not sense to come to the table.

Non Agenda Item County Firing Range Status

Sheriff Prozzo confirmed he is working on a rough drawing, to include the size of berms, and will try to get this to them a couple days in advance of their 5/21/09 meeting.

3:26 Sheriff Prozzo left the room.

Non Agenda Item S.C.H.C Census

Mr. Purdy confirmed, today's census was 146 and April average was 145.

Agenda Item No. 3.a. Sullivan County Health Care Request for Transfer of Funds

A copy of the Request for Transfer of Funds [Appendix E] was provided to the Board. Mr. Purdy and the Board discussed the various reasons each line was over, and why funds were available from others. Mr. Purdy noted they are exploring lease vs. purchase on future wound vacuum systems.

3:36 Motion: approve transfers as presented [1) from 40.540.14053 \$10,000 to 40.540.21097, 2) from 10.585.14044 \$500 to 40.585.14052, and 3) from 40.593.21097 \$1,200 to 40.593.13032].

Made by: Nelson. Seconded by: Jarvis.

Voice vote: All in favor.

Non Agenda Item SCHC Code Yellow Status

Mr. Purdy noted the nursing home is in Code Yellow health level: during this period, they request employees and residents to self-screen for flu systems.

Agenda Item No. 3.c. Review 4/28/09 Letter from Early Childhood Support Program

A copy of a letter [Appendix F], dated 4/28/09 from Betsy Gibbs, Ph.D., Coordinator, of Early Childhood Support Program, indicating NH State Incentive funds were unnecessary this year for their program, was distributed. The Board noted their "congratulations".

Agenda Item No. 3.d. Review of Draft Letter of Support to West Central Services for SAMHSA Inmate Reentry Grant Program from the Board

The Board reviewed Mr. Warwick's e-mail [Appendix G.1.] dated 5/5/09 7:50 PM regarding the West Central Services / County Inmate Reentry Program SAMHSA grant opportunity: \$400,000 over a three year period for 2 Community Corrections Center staff and 3 staff in the community with no match needed from the County, the letter from Ms. Griffin [Appendix G. 2]

and a draft letter of support from the Board [Appendix G.3.] They indicated this is definitely a "win / win situation".

3:45 Motion: to approve the Letter of Support.
Made by: Nelson. Seconded by: Jarvis.
Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 4. Public Participation
There was no public participants.

Non Agenda Item June 14th, Sunday – County Annual Pancake Breakfast

Ms. Johnson-Callum asked Board members for feedback regarding the set up of the Pancake breakfast and received the following:

1. find a regular table for the grill, avoid using the picnic table as it hinders both the server and visitor,
2. locate the grill on the building side,
3. liked the format of the entire morning: greeter at front door, display area in living room and side of cafeteria, with grill out back, and both inside and outside dining,
4. would like someone to coordinate a hike around Marshall Pond at the end of the morning pancake event – suggestion: have someone from UNH Coop and or Conservation Department. Ms. Johnson-Callum confirmed she send an e-mail to them.

Agenda Item No. 5. Meeting Minutes Review

Agenda Item No. 5.a. Apr. 16, 2009 Public

3:51 Motion: Move they [Apr. 16, 2009 public] be accepted as corrected.
Made by: Nelson. Seconded by: Jarvis.
Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 5.b. Apr. 16, 2009 4:16 PM Executive Session

3:51 Motion: Accept and release the [Apr. 16, 2009 4:16 PM Executive Session] minutes.
Made by: Jarvis. Seconded by: Jarvis.
Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 5.c. Apr. 6-30, FY10 Budget Review

3:54 Motion: accept the April 6 through the 30th, FY10 budget minutes.

**Made by: Jarvis. Seconded by: Nelson.
Voice vote: All in favor.**

Agenda Item No. 6. Adjourn Meeting

**3:54 Motion: to adjourn the meeting.
Made by: Nelson. Seconded by: Jarvis.
Voice vote: All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bennie Nelson

Bennie Nelson, Acting Clerk (As noted at 5/21/09 meeting)
Board of Commissioners

BN/s.j-c.

Date signed: 5/28/09



Sullivan County NH, Board of Commissioners
Revised - AGENDA

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, May 7, 2009, Time 3 PM

Place: Sullivan County Newport Complex
14 Main Street, Newport NH 03773 – Commissioners' Conference Room

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| 3:00 PM – 3:05 PM | 1. | Registry of Deeds |
| | a. | RSA 28:8 Bidding Process - Waiver Request from Registrar for FY10 Index, Imaging and Internet System: Motion required |
| 3:05 PM – 3:10 PM | 2. | Sheriff's Office Report |
| | a. | JAG Grant Review & Ratification |
| 3:10 PM – 3:30 PM | 3. | Commissioners' Report |
| | a. | Sullivan County Health Care Request For Transfer of Funds |
| | b. | Review 5/4/09 letter from Sullivan County Sportsman Club |
| | c. | Review 4/28/09 letter from Early Childhood Support Program |
| | d. | Review of Draft Letter of Support to West Central Services for SAMHSA Inmate Reentry Grant Program from the Board |
| 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM | 4. | Public Participation |
| 3:45 PM – 3:55 PM | 5. | Meeting Minutes Review |
| | a. | Apr. 16, 2009 Public |
| | b. | Apr. 16, 2009 4:16 PM Executive Session |
| | c. | Apr. 6-24, FY10 Budget Review |
| 3:55 PM | 6. | Adjourn meeting |



Sullivan County NH, Board of Commissioners
Revised - AGENDA

Upcoming Events:

- **May 11th, Mon. S.C. Delegation: EFC Meeting**
 - **Time: 8 AM.** Place: Newport, 14 Main Street, 1st Floor, Commissioners' Conference Room
- **May 11th, Mon. S.C. Health Care Advisory Panel Meeting**
 - **Time: 1 PM.** Place: Unity, 5 Nursing Home Drive, Ahern Building
- **May 12^h, Tue. S.C. Human Resource – Benefits Day**
 - **Time: 11 AM – 1:30 PM.** Place: Newport, 14 Main Street, 1st Floor, Commissioners' Conference Room
- **May 14th, Thu. Town of Washington Select Board Meeting**
 - **Time: 7:00 PM.** Place: Town Hall – 7 Halfmoon Pond Road, Washington
- **May 21st, Thu. S.C. Board of Commissioners Next Meeting**
 - **Time: 3:00 PM.** Place: Unity, 5 Nursing Home Drive, Ahern Building.

TITLE II COUNTIES

CHAPTER 28 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Section 28:8

28:8 Competitive Bidding on Purchases. – Any purchase of equipment or materials made by a county in an amount exceeding \$5,000 shall be by competitive bidding, provided that the county commissioners by unanimous vote may waive the provisions for such bidding. In case the commissioners so vote a copy of such action shall be recorded in their offices with a statement of the reason therefor and such record shall be open to public inspection. Orders for equipment or material to be delivered at different times where the single delivery may be less than \$5,000 but the total order exceeds that amount shall be construed as coming within the provisions hereof requiring competitive bidding.

Source. 1941, 108:1. RL 47:8. 1949, 165:1. RSA 28:8. 1979, 200:3, eff. July 1, 1979. 1998, 50:1, eff. July 4, 1998.

I, Sharron A. King, Register of Deeds for Sullivan County, am hereby requesting that the Sullivan County Commissioners waive the bidding process required by RSA Chapter 28:8 pursuant to the Connor & Connor contract, FY 2010 budget, for the following reasons:

- 1) That the Registry of Deed's offices in the State of New Hampshire are required to follow certain DRA rules and regulations, as well as the New Hampshire RSA's that are very specific and mandate as to how the land records are to be processed.
- 2) That there are only two known vendors in the State of New Hampshire that currently provide land records management services that are designed to meet New Hampshire based Registry of Deeds statutes and regulations.
- 3) Due to the fact that services and the software used by this office is very complicated, extensive and all encompassing, covering historical data index records, image archival, and accounting functionality, changing vendors would require a considerable conversion process of all records and bookkeeping procedures which will be substantially disruptive not only to the registry, but to the county, in general, and to the users of the Registry.
- 4) If a conversion of this magnitude were to take place, the county as well as the Registry, would need to insure and assure to the public and its users, that the integrity of the registry's data and information is preserved and not at risk from loss or another vendor's pilfering or selling it.
- 5) Connor & Connor provides flexible contract-term duration with 1 to 5 years available. The availability of a one year term requires no long-term commitment and eliminates the substantial upfront cost associated with land records management systems.
- 6) The possibility of a huge cost factor due to the conversion process, possible purchasing of the equipment and maintenance of same.
- 7) There are ten Registries in the State of New Hampshire and nine out of the ten registries are with Connor & Connor. The Registries in the State of New Hampshire chose to do business with this vendor because they are a locally, based business, provide locally based on-site service capabilities for software and hardware system needs as well as same-day on-site service capability, and are very knowledgeable about the recording laws, rules and regulations required by the State of New Hampshire.

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. DATE SUBMITTED	Applicant Identifier
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application Non-Construction	3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE		State Application Identifier
	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name Sullivan County		Organizational Unit Sullivan County Sheriff's Department	
Address 14 Main Street Newport, New Hampshire 03773-0027		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Cummings, Thomas (603) 863-4200	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 02-6000870		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT County	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION New		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY Bureau of Justice Assistance	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 16.804 CFDA 16.804 - Recovery Act - Justice Assistance Grants - TITLE: Localities		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Sullivan County Drug Enforcement Initiative	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT Sullivan County, 14 towns, 1 city, 528 sq. miles, population of 41,0000			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: July 01, 2009 End Date: July 01, 2013		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF a. Applicant b. Project NH02	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
Federal	\$126,097	Program has not been selected by state for review	
Applicant	\$0		
State	\$0		
Local	\$0		

Other	\$0	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? N
Program Income	\$0	
TOTAL	\$126,097	

18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.

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SULLIVAN COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE 2009

Program Narrative (Attachment 1)

The Sullivan County Drug Enforcement Initiative is an ongoing collaborative drug enforcement effort coordinated by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. The principal assisting agencies are the Claremont Police Department and the Newport Police Department. Other assisting agencies include the Charlestown Police Department. Assisting agencies are not receiving JAG funds directly, but instead, provide the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office with additional manpower for the initiative. The Initiative also collaborates with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force which is funded in part by Byrne Formula grants.

Sullivan County is a rural county in the Middle Western section of New Hampshire. Sullivan County has fourteen (14) towns and one (1) city. Sullivan County is approximately 528 square miles and according to the 2000 census has approximately 40,450 residents.

Sullivan County is sandwiched between Interstate 91 on the West and Interstate 89 on the East. Interstates 91 and 89 provide a direct link to Massachusetts and Connecticut, the sources of most of the illicit drugs coming into New Hampshire. Claremont, the only City in Sullivan County, is situated next to Interstate 91 and, as a result, sees the effects of the illicit drugs coming into the area. Next to marijuana, heroin and crack cocaine are the most prevalent drugs coming into Sullivan County. The effects of heroin and cocaine addiction have increased the number of theft offenses in the County as addicts seek funds to fuel their addiction. As an example, firearms that have been stolen from Sullivan County residents have been recovered in the Hartford Connecticut area from suspected drug dealers. Additionally, several investigations into controlled drug trafficking have lead directly to sources in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. Interstates 91 and 89 are the pipelines for the illicit drugs coming into the western part of New Hampshire. Being sandwiched between these two Interstates, Sullivan County sees the ill effects of this reality on nearly a daily basis.

Law Enforcement agencies in Sullivan County are well aware of the benefits of collaboration. Claremont, as the only City in Sullivan County, has the largest police department in the County, followed by the Newport Police Department. Both agencies are full time law enforcement agencies. The Charlestown and Sunapee Police Departments are staffed by full time officers and provide full time coverage as well. As small agencies, we are all well aware of the fact that together we can accomplish a great deal more than we can alone. As such, these agencies, along with the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, have previously collaborated to create a regional Special Operations Unit. This team provides a service to the County that no single agency could provide alone. Additionally, the same agencies have collaborated to create the Sullivan County

Underage Alcohol Task Force. The Underage Alcohol Task Force was created to help reduce the sale and availability of alcohol to minors. The program was modeled after a similar program used in Concord New Hampshire and has been very successful. While we do not have specific statistics in Sullivan County, the program in Concord New Hampshire resulted in a 64% reduction in retail alcohol sales to minors and was temporally associated with declines in alcohol use and binge drinking among minors. The Concord, New Hampshire statistics support the anecdotal findings of the program in Sullivan County.

The Sullivan County Drug Enforcement Initiative is a cooperative effort between the coordinating agency, assisting agencies and the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force. As such, the resulting team conducts intensified local drug enforcement investigations using shared personnel and equipment from participating Law Enforcement agencies. These investigations use investigative techniques such as, but not limited to, surveillance, informant development, controlled buys using informants and/or undercover officers, and the strategic use of arrest warrants and search warrants. As such the ongoing support and cooperation of the coordinating agency and all the assisting agencies is vital to our continued success. Without the ongoing financial support of JAG funds, the Sullivan County Drug Enforcement Initiative would likely not be possible, especially in these difficult economic times.

The funds provided by the JAG award will be used to fund the drug enforcement investigations as described above. All the funds will go to Sullivan County. As such, 100% of the funds will be used to pay for personnel at the officer's hourly rates. As noted above, the investigations will also assist and/or coordinate with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force, which is funded in part by Byrne Formula grants.

GMS APPLICATION NUMBER: 2009-

2009 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
CLAREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT,
NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND
CHARLESTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Memorandum under the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program grant application: A collaborative drug enforcement initiative with the Claremont Police Department and Newport Police Department as the primary assisting agencies and the Charlestown Police Department as an assisting agency.

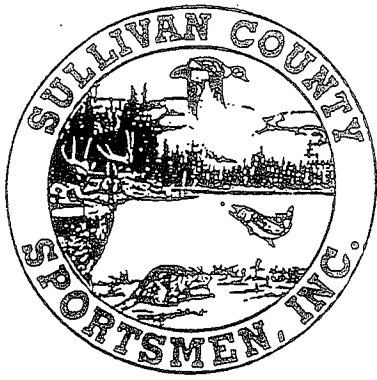
The Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, Claremont Police Department, Newport Police Department and Charlestown Police Department agree that the combined efforts of the agencies, as well as all Law Enforcement agencies in Sullivan County, in combating illicit drug trafficking will help in the ongoing effort to reduce drug trafficking, and the ill effects thereof, in Sullivan County.

WHEREAS, it is agreed that the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department will, upon award of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, receive and administer the grant funds to manage and coordinate all grant activities under this award. Programmatic reporting, financial reporting, and general grant management issues shall be the responsibility of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, it is agreed that the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, the Claremont Police Department and the Newport Police Department will provide personnel and existing equipment for the Sullivan County Drug Enforcement Initiative.

WHEREAS, it is agreed that the primary assisting agencies, will bill the coordinating agency, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, for the personnel costs, at the assisting agencies regular hourly rate or pay, and that the coordinating agency, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department will then pay for personnel costs with the awarded JAG funds. One Hundred percent (100%) of the total project budget will be allocated to personnel costs.

WHEREAS, it is agreed that the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department will manage, and be responsible for the payment of the costs associated with the Sullivan County Drug Enforcement Initiative.



P.O. Box 1384
Claremont, NH 03743

The Sullivan County Sportsmen have voted for me, as president, to request reimbursement. The site plans that one of the commissioners demanded cost the club \$1500.00. We will not charge for the man hours and other materials that accrued during this process. In closing we thank you all for understanding our position as a non profit organization.

The Sullivan County Sportsmen

Bill Royce

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Royce", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

DEPARTMENT: Sullivan County Health CareDATE: 05/07/09

	Account description	Account Number	Transfer From (Credit)	Transfer To (Debit)	Purpose of Transfer
1	Oxygen	40.540.14053	\$10,000		Nursing Equip: (1,770) neg balance as of 4/09 due to res needs. To fund for remainder of year.
	Nursing Equipment	40.540.21097		\$10,000	
2	Med A Pharmacy	40.585.14044	\$500		Medical Exp: (436) neg balance as of 4/09. To fund for balance.
	Med A Medical Exp	40.585.14052		\$500	
3	Rec Therapy Equipment	40.593.21097	\$1,200		Gen Supplies: (374) neg balance as of 4/9 due to printer toner. To fund for remainder of year.
	Rec Therapy Gen Supplies	40.593.13032		\$1,200	
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Seamus P. Lynch 5/7/09
Dept. Head / Date

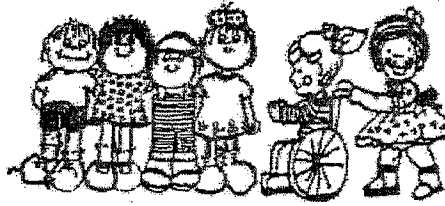
County Administrator / Date (when applicable)

Commissioner Chair / Date

Executive Finance Committee Chair / Date

To increase budget, you debit the account. To decrease, you credit the account.

5/7/2009



Early Childhood Support Program
Newport School District
167 Summer St., Suite 2
Newport, NH 03773
(603)-863-4300

April 28, 2009

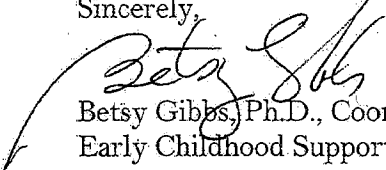
Dear Sullivan County Commissioners,

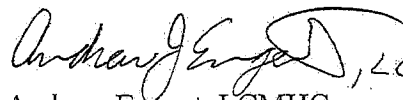
I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that the Early Childhood Support Program will not be applying for ongoing funding for the "Linking Young Children with Mental Health Support" grant. This grant has been funded by the Sullivan County Incentive Funds for the past 9 years. We are now ready to try to sustain the project without additional Incentive Funds.

The funding you have so generously provided has allowed the Early Childhood Support Program to develop a solid partnership with West Central Behavioral Health Services. This has resulted in earlier referrals and intervention for children at-risk for mental health issues. The funding has provided training in early childhood mental health to preschool providers, health care providers and mental health providers. Thus, all these professionals are better able to understand the importance of early social-emotional development and the need for early referral and treatment for children and their families. All the area preschools are familiar with the "I Care Cat" social skills curriculum and have the DECA Protective Factors kit and other resources to use in their classrooms. The funding has also provided families with the opportunity to participate in parent support groups and to borrow from our library of books on social-emotional development and behavior concerns. Finally, many families have received mental health support for their preschool-age children.

We have just recently provided training to preschool providers in the Newport area regarding how to help families connect directly with mental health support. The staff members at West Central are now more prepared to accept referrals of young children. We hope that we will now be able to continue our early referrals as part of our everyday operations. Again, we thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely,


Betsy Gibbs, Ph.D., Coordinator
Early Childhood Support Program


Andrew Engert, LCMHC
West Central Behavioral Health

Sharon Johnson-Callum

From: kevin warwick [warwickkevin@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 7:50 PM

To: Sharon Johnson-Callum

Cc: Ross Cunningham

Subject: brief description

Sharon attached is a brief description of the project in a nutshell this project provides two staff in the community corrections center and three staff in the community to provide on going treatment

3 year project for up to \$400,000
no cash match for the county.

West central is the applicant

that is about it, I will stop by and say hello tomorrow.

Kevin

May 6, 2009
Senator

Dear Commissioners,

We are looking for your support with the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Offender Reentry Program application in Sullivan County. It's an "Offender Reentry Program" grant that is focused on enhancing SA treatment for adults transitioning from the County Jail's 'Reentry Center' to the community. In talking with many of the key stakeholders there is no question that there is a commitment to continue to evaluate and improve services for offenders in Sullivan County. Our agency is committed to providing support for this project as it is a clear area of need in Sullivan County. The work during the last three years in the planning and development of a community reentry center could be enhanced greatly by these additional resources. Reducing recidivism by providing high quality SA assessment and treatment makes a huge amount of sense clinically and financially. We are excited about our continued collaboration on this project in the coming months and years. Clearly a system wide response that includes treatment and transitional services for offenders will enhance our public safety efforts in Sullivan County. This project will fill in many gaps in providing a best practice approach of dealing with substance abusing offenders in Sullivan County. We look forward to working with you on this project. This project will provide additional staff to provide treatment at the New Reentry center at the Sullivan County Department of Corrections and for staff to provide treatment in the community post release at West Central Behavioral Health.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suellen M. Griffin, MSN, FACHE
West Central Behavioral Health
President/CEO

C.3.



SULLIVAN COUNTY

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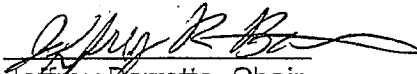
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Suellen M. Griffin, MSN, FACHE
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Dear Suellen,

This letter is to express our strong commitment to the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Offender Reentry Program application in Sullivan County. In talking with many of the key stakeholders there is no question that there is a commitment to continue to evaluate and improve services for offenders in Sullivan County. Sullivan County is committed to providing support for this project, as it is a clear area of need in our community. We have enjoyed a strong partnership with Central Behavioral Health and are committed to a strong working relationship on this project. The work during the last three years in the planning and development of a community reentry center could be enhanced greatly by these additional resources. We are excited about our continued collaboration on this project in the coming months and years. Clearly, a system wide response that includes treatment and transitional services for offenders will enhance our public safety efforts in Sullivan County. This project will fill in many gaps in providing a best practice approach of dealing with substance abusing offenders in Sullivan County. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,
Sullivan County Board of Commissioners


Jeffrey Barrette, Chair


Bennie Nelson, Vice Chair


Ethel Jarvis, Clerk